

TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING

June 1, 2015

A regularly scheduled Town Board Workshop Meeting was held on Monday, June 1, 2015 in the Town Hall 284 Broadway Port Ewen, New York at 7:30 PM with the following people in attendance:

Supervisor John Coutant
Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet
Councilperson Wayne Freer
Councilperson Diane L. McCord
Councilperson Kyle Barnett

Recording Administrator Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk
Bill Kemble, Daily Freeman

Supervisor Coutant called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CHARLES FERRI (CHRISTIAN BROTHERS PROPERTY)

Charles Ferri gave a brief history of himself and shared the evolution of his product and what makes it unique. Charles loves what he does and wants to create something iconic on the East Coast. His goal is to have a special business that people will respect. Finding the right community where the people are behind you to build his business is very important. Charles Ferri is the owner of Star Vodka. The intent is to have a production facility. They would grow their own crops, use other local farmers for extra corn and bring the community together. Charles said when you create something you can't just do it for the money you have to do it because you believe in it and love what you do. Mr. Ferri said it was important that the project has to be eco friendly and utilize local resources to leave the smallest carbon footprint.

Councilperson Freer said he was very excited about the whole idea. He hoped to have further conversation about different things that are available throughout our area which might help him make a decision toward our area. Councilperson Freer would like to see the Town move forward and accompany the project. The entire Town Board was excited about the potential business in the town and feels it would give an economic boost to the area.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – AMERICAN PETROLEUM

American Petroleum is getting an analysis done on the contaminated dirt, once it is back they will start transporting the dirt to the authorized Landfill. The estimated time frame on the analysis is approximately a week. American Petroleum has also requested another payment. Supervisor Coutant feels they should pay the bills and not drag it out. All Board members were in agreement. Supervisor Coutant will have the bookkeeper prepare the checks.

The 2000 gallon diesel tank was removed while the cleanup was being done by American Petroleum. We currently have the permit for the tank. The tank can be restored to the site. The tank needs to be inspected by having highway personnel walk around the tank and maintain a log. The tank needs to be painted, have containment and placed on a pad. The roof is already there. By restoring the tank it would eliminate the concern of having enough Diesel fuel to fill the trucks during a storm. All Town Board members were in favor of restoring the 2000 gallon tank except for Councilperson Freer.

Specifications need to be obtained regarding DEC regulations for the pump, and will be put out to bid.

The gas card process has been put into place for the gasoline and the process seems to be working well.

COMMUNICATION – PETER GRAHAM TUCKER POND

The Tucker Pond property has been discussed in previous meetings and Supervisor Coutant said the recent response from Peter Graham (Planning Board Attorney) indicates there is not much that the towns can do. NYS has final say of what they can do with condominiums. Planning Board Chair Roxanne Pecora explained Supervisor Coutant had received a letter from the Attorney General stating Tucker Pond wanted to change their offering plan. The Planning Board asked Planning Board member Mike Minor to review it. Mike Minor came back with the problems that were in the offering plan; one was about changing the price of the condos and felt it should be responded to by the Town Board. The Town Board then decided to get the Planning Board attorney to review it to see what authority the Board had. The response was the Town Board had no jurisdiction. The original plan was for rental units. Unsure of the year Roxanne recalled Tucker Pond went back to the Planning Board to convert it to condos and they made a site plan amendment. Roxanne said Tucker Pond is still obligated to abide by their offering plan and have an individual sale. The Town does have legal recourse. The Building Inspector is caught in the middle as is the Planning Board. If Tucker Pond meets all the conditions that are required for a Certificate of Occupancy; he is obligated to issue those certificates. If Tucker Pond has not complied with all of the Planning Board items the Town has recourse through legal process. Over the years, the property ownership has changed 3-4 times.

ULSTER COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOC. – P.E. FIRE DEPT. CITATION

The Ulster County Volunteer Firemen's Association will award the Port Ewen Fire Department with a Unit Citation Award on July 24th at 8 PM for their response to a call at 128 Parsell Street in Sleightsburgh on April 21, 2014. Supervisor Coutant said he planned on attending the event and invited the other Board members to join him.

UPSEU- UNION NEGOTIATION – DATES

Supervisor Coutant received a letter from Gary Hickey, Executive Vice President/ Regional Director, requesting dates for the union negotiations. This topic will be revisited next workshop.

141 PROSPECT STREET – REHABILITATION SUPPORT SERVICES

Communication was received from Attorney firm, Freeman Howard, advising the Planning Board of their intent to utilize the property located at 141 Prospect Street to construct a single family dwelling for the purpose of a Chemical Dependence Rehabilitation facility and house 16 individuals.

State Agencies do not need special approval for this use. The Town Board feels the public should be informed. Mr. Freeman will be invited to a meeting to address the public and answer any questions the public may have.

RESOURCE CENTER FOR ACCESSIBLE LIVING, INC. – OPEN HOUSE – 6/26/15

Resource Center for Accessible Living has invited the Town Board to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act. It will be held at RCAL on June 26, 2015 from 11:30am – 2:30pm.

POWER SNAKE FOR SEWER DEPARTMENT

On Saturday May 30th Supervisor Coutant received a call from the Sheriff's office reporting there was raw sewage in the Sheriffs Dept and in the lower level bathrooms at the Town Hall. There was a blockage between the Building and the Main line. Roto - Rooter had to be called to clear the line. Supervisor Coutant said we do not have a power mechanism to clean a 4 or 6 inch pipe. This was the third time this type of occurrence has happened. Supervisor Coutant felt we should look into purchasing a tool to be able to clear the line. Supervisor Coutant said the cost of having 2 men from the Sewer Department, Mike Miller custodian and Roto - Rooter was approximately \$1300 and it was the third time this has happened. The Highway, Water/Sewer and the Recreation departments could use the tool if it was purchased. Councilperson Freer said he would like to see us look into the cost of renting a tool oppose to purchasing. The disadvantage of renting is the availability on short notice or if the event

happened during the middle of the night. The cost of the tool will be researched and the topic will be revisited.

MS4 – ANNUAL REPORT

Building Inspector, Tim Keefe, has completed and sent the annual MS4 report for 2015.

MISCELLANEOUS

Supervisor Coutant said he felt the PA system used at the Memorial Day Parade was not functioning properly and had received many complaints from the audience of not being able to hear. According to the Board members, replacing the unit would be up to the American Legion.

It was decided a side walk will replace the stone walkway outside of the building department.

Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet asked about the status of the building located on East Main Street that was to be removed. The bank has paid the money to demolish it. The company that was awarded the bid was not able to perform the clean up due to the time lapse between the bid and the actual award. The removal will have to go back out to bid.

Councilperson Freer asked if any Board members had a chance to look at the property in West Park located on 9W because it was in worse shape than the home located on East Main.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:29 PM WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON KYLE BARNETT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER. ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

**Holly A. Netter
Town Clerk**